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Stagtown

CAROUSEL

part two

THERE ARE STORAGE UNITS ALL OVER THE COMPLEX, MOSTLY UNDER THE APARTMENT BUILDINGS. ALMOST ALL OF THEM ARE PRETTY BEAT UP FROM BEING AROUND FOR DECADES.

KNOWING THE LANDLORD, SHE PROBABLY JUST DUMPED ALL OF JEREMY'S STUFF INTO AN EMPTY UNIT SOMEWHERE.

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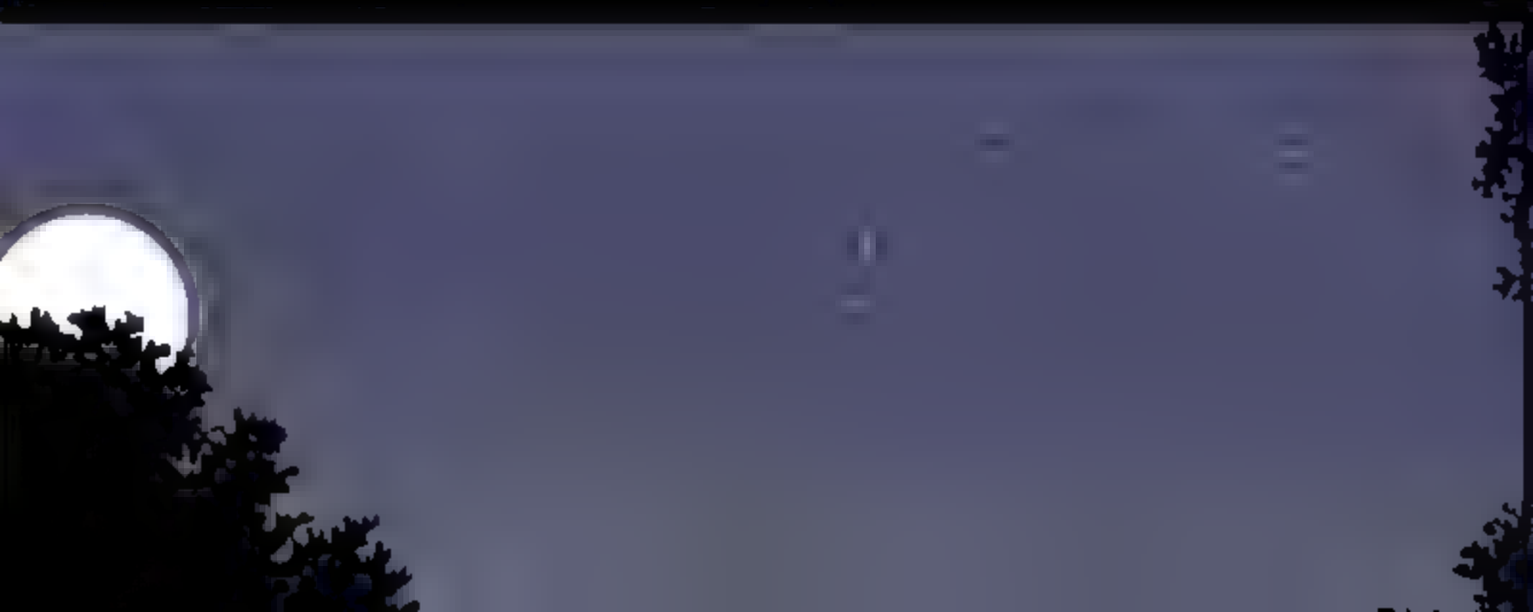
I WASN'T SURE IF JEREMY EVER GOT A STORAGE UNIT FOR HIMSELF.

BUT I WAS POSITIVE THEY WOULDN'T BOTHER MOVING HIS THINGS ANY FURTHER THAN THEY HAD TO/ THEY WOULD USE A STORAGE UNIT THAT WAS IN THE SAME BUILDING AS JEREMY'S OLD APARTMENT.

AND THAT'S EXACTLY WHAT THEY DID.

ALL I HAD TO DO NOW WAS WAIT FOR IT TO GET DARK.



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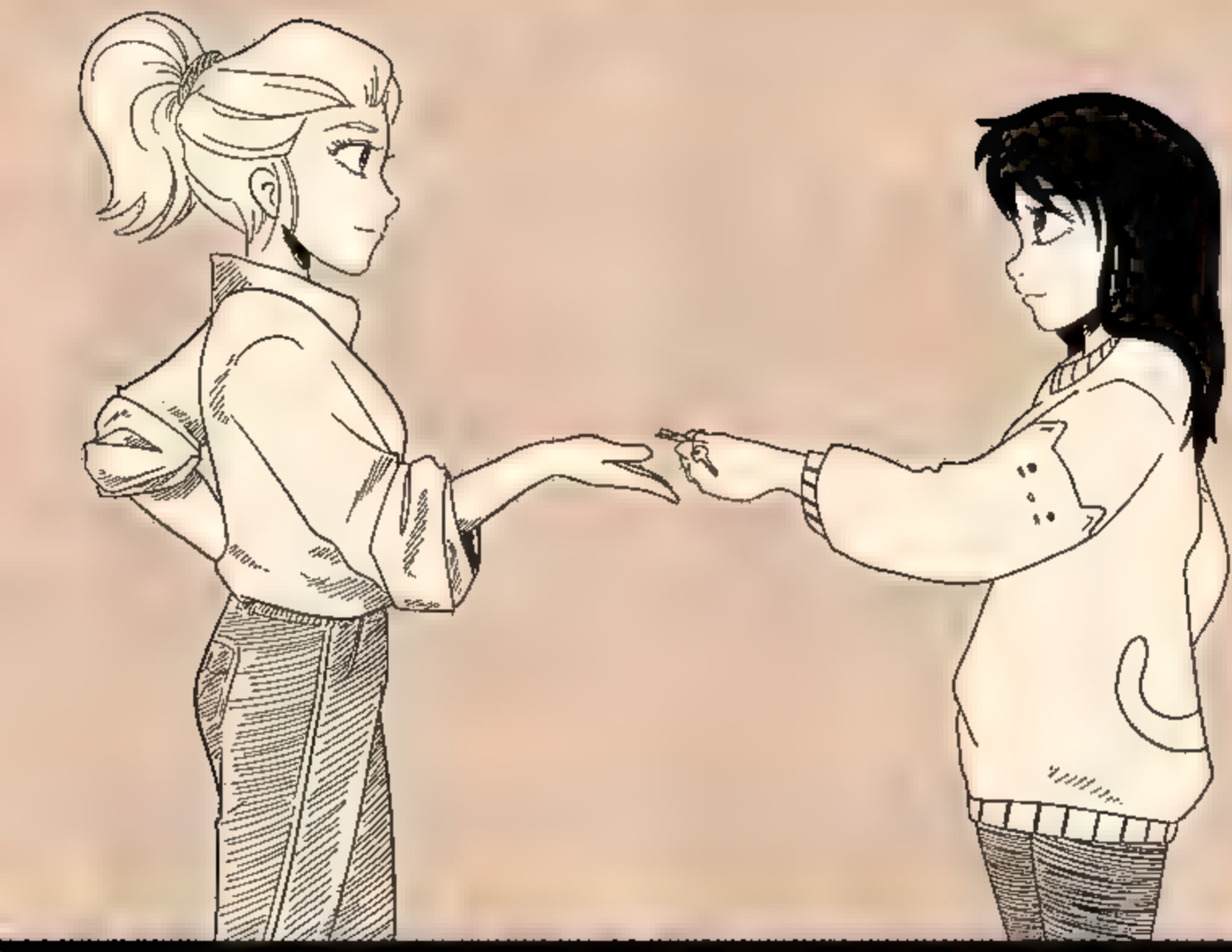
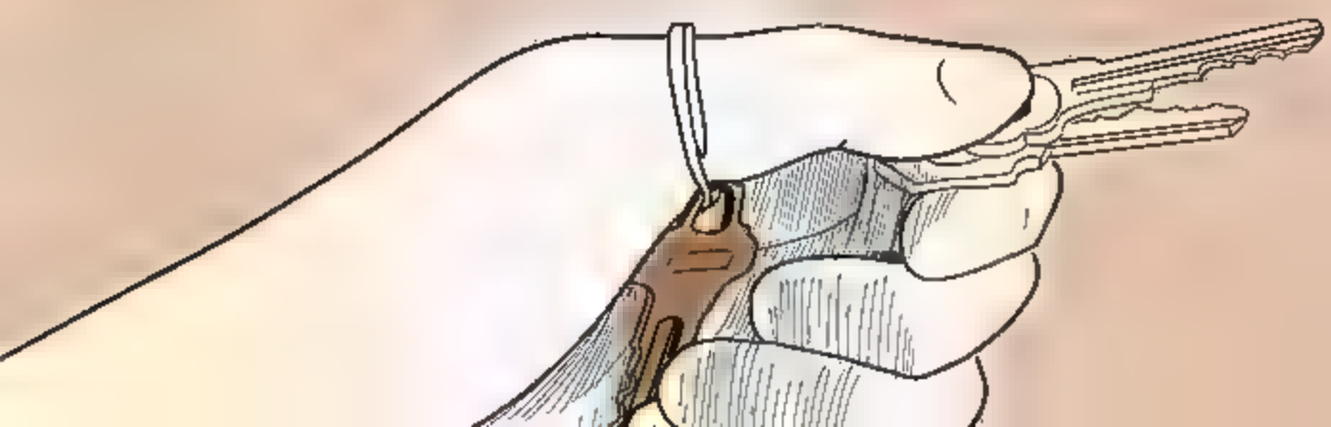
IT'S NOT LIKE THIS PLACE EVER HAD GREAT SECURITY, BUT THE DOORS WERE SOLID AND THEY CHANGED THE OUTER LOCKS ONCE A YEAR.



WHEN I MOVED, I HANDED OVER THE KEYS TO MY APARTMENT AND THE BUILDING ITSELF.



...BUT NOT BEFORE MAKING A SECRET COPY OF THE BUILDING KEY.

RATTLE

RATTLE...

CLICK

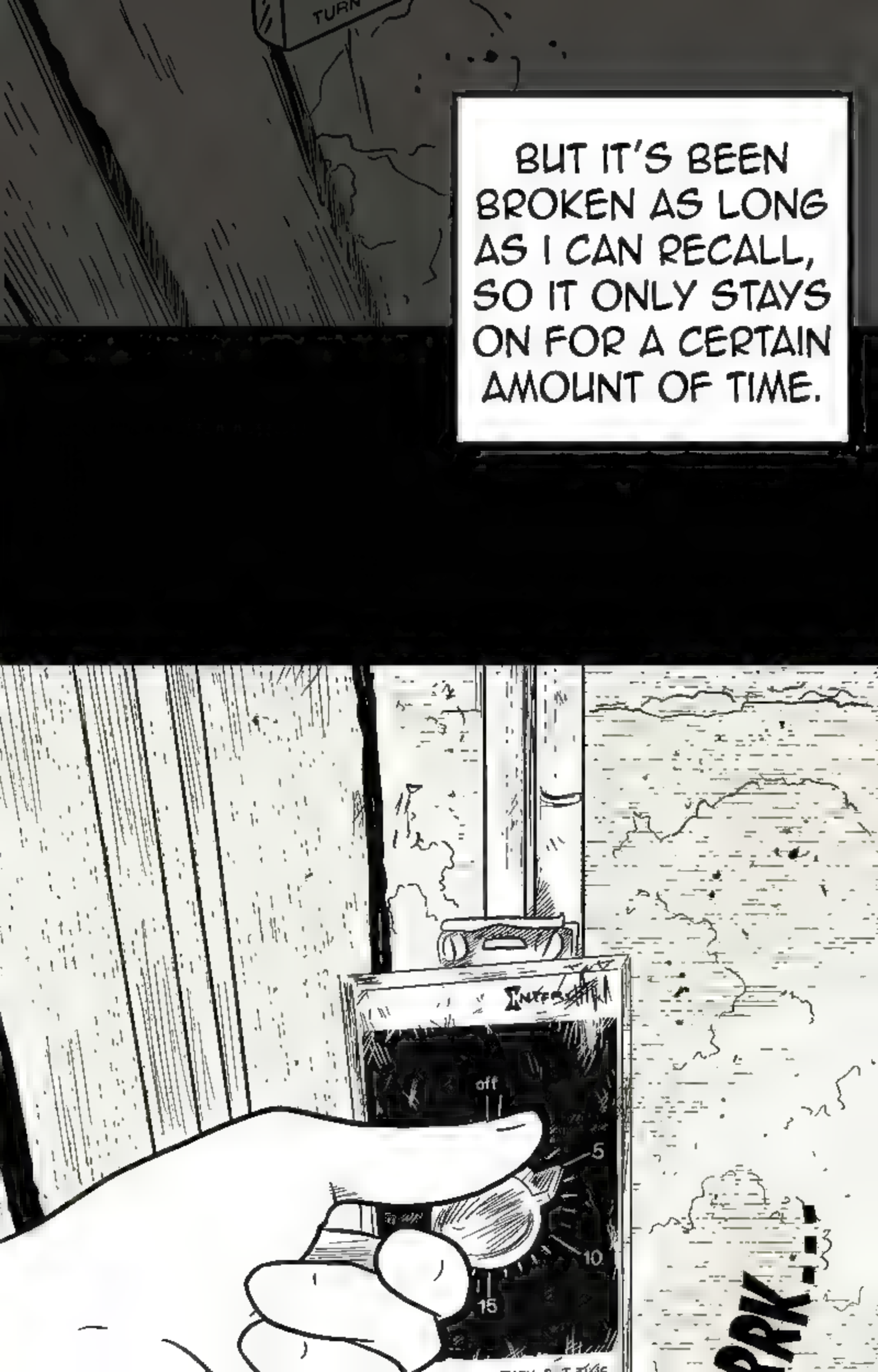
CLIK

CREAKAKA...

THE STORAGE UNITS, IF YOU COULD CALL THEM THAT, WERE ANCIENT AND FALLING APART.

MANAGEMENT KEPT SAYING THEY'D TEAR THEM DOWN AND REPLACE IT WITH SOMETHING BETTER.

THEY PUT IN A CRUMMY SWITCH TIMER YEARS AGO...IT'S SUPPOSED TO CLICK THE LIGHTS OFF AFTER A WHILE, TO SAVE ELECTRICITY.


TURN
BUT IT'S BEEN BROKEN AS LONG AS I CAN RECALL, SO IT ONLY STAYS ON FOR A CERTAIN AMOUNT OF TIME.
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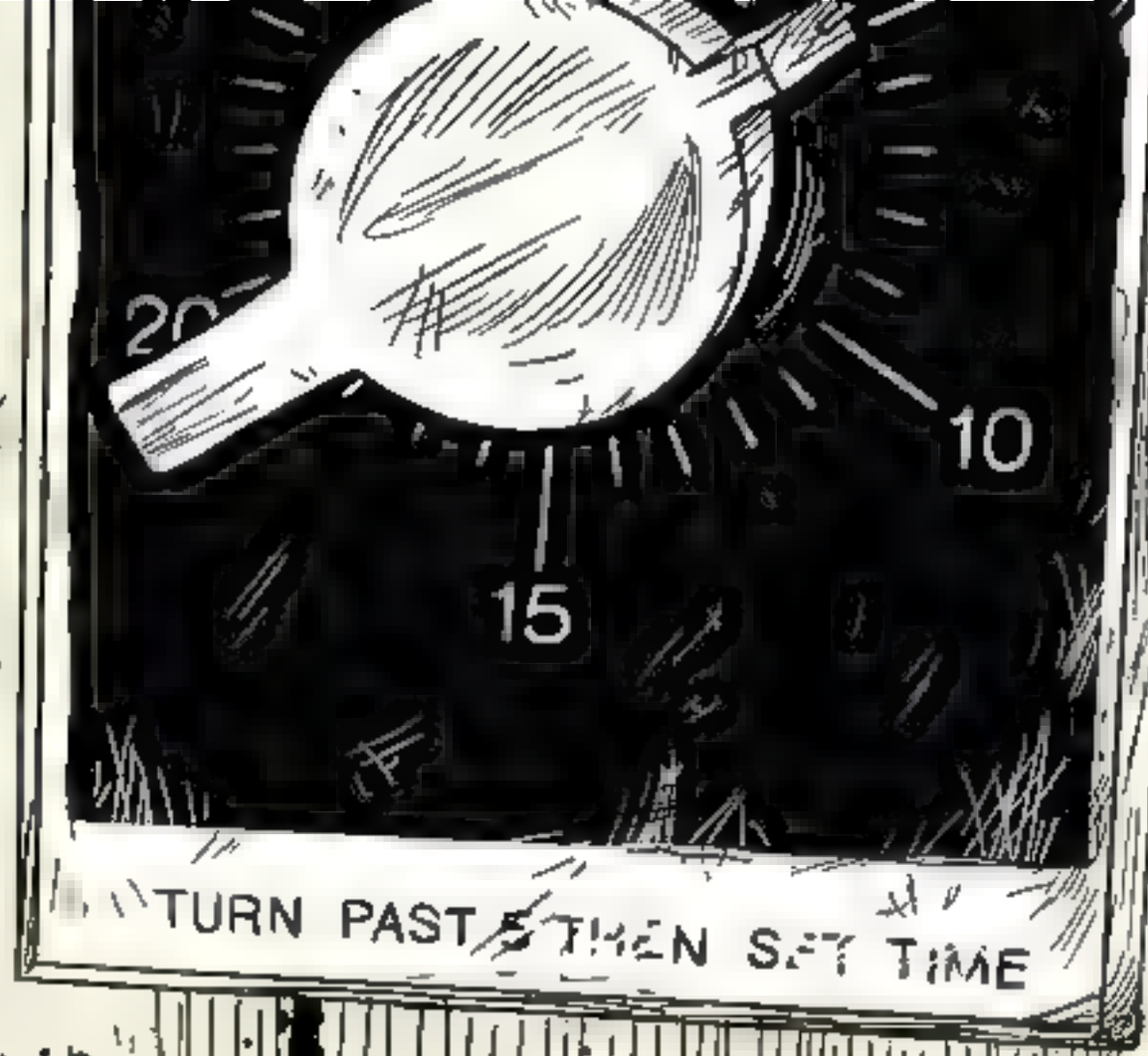
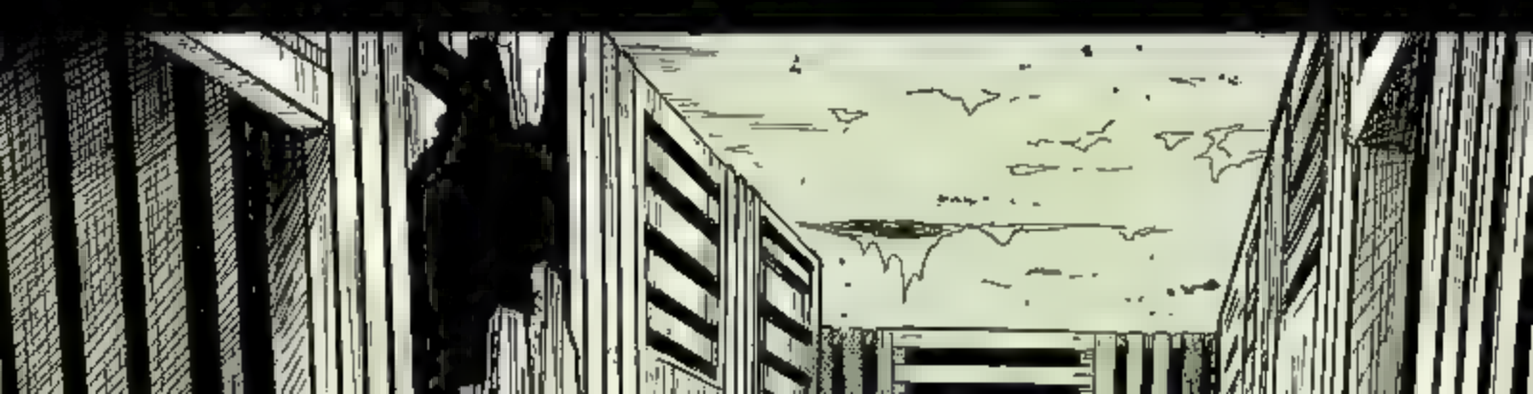


FIVE MINUTES.

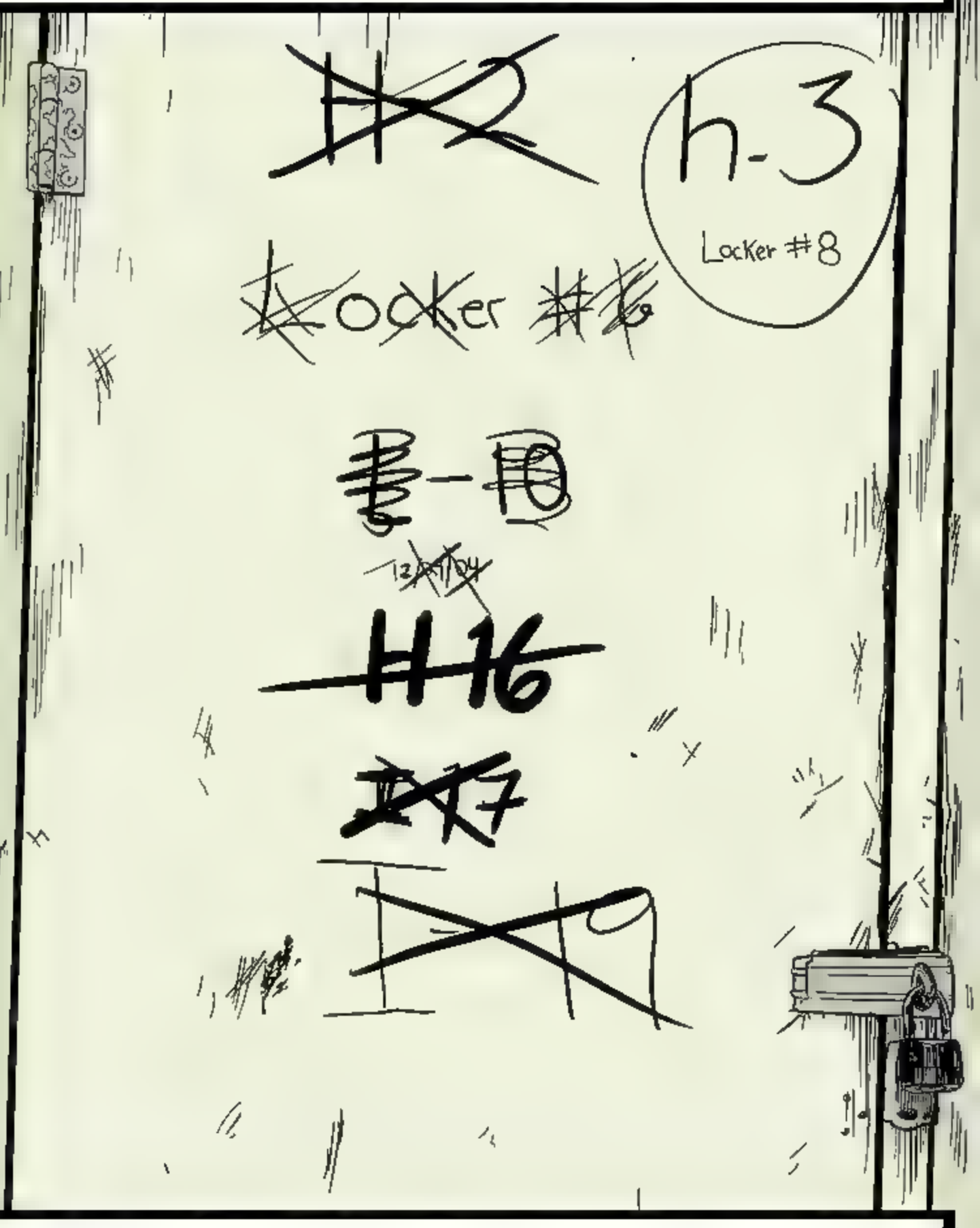
HOW LONG HAS SOME OF THIS STUFF BEEN HERE? I'M POSITIVE PEOPLE HAVE MOVED OUT AND JUST ABANDONED A LOT OF IT.



THERE'S A LOT OF OLD PEOPLE IN THIS COMPLEX...MAYBE SOME OF THEM DIED, LEFT THINGS BEHIND.

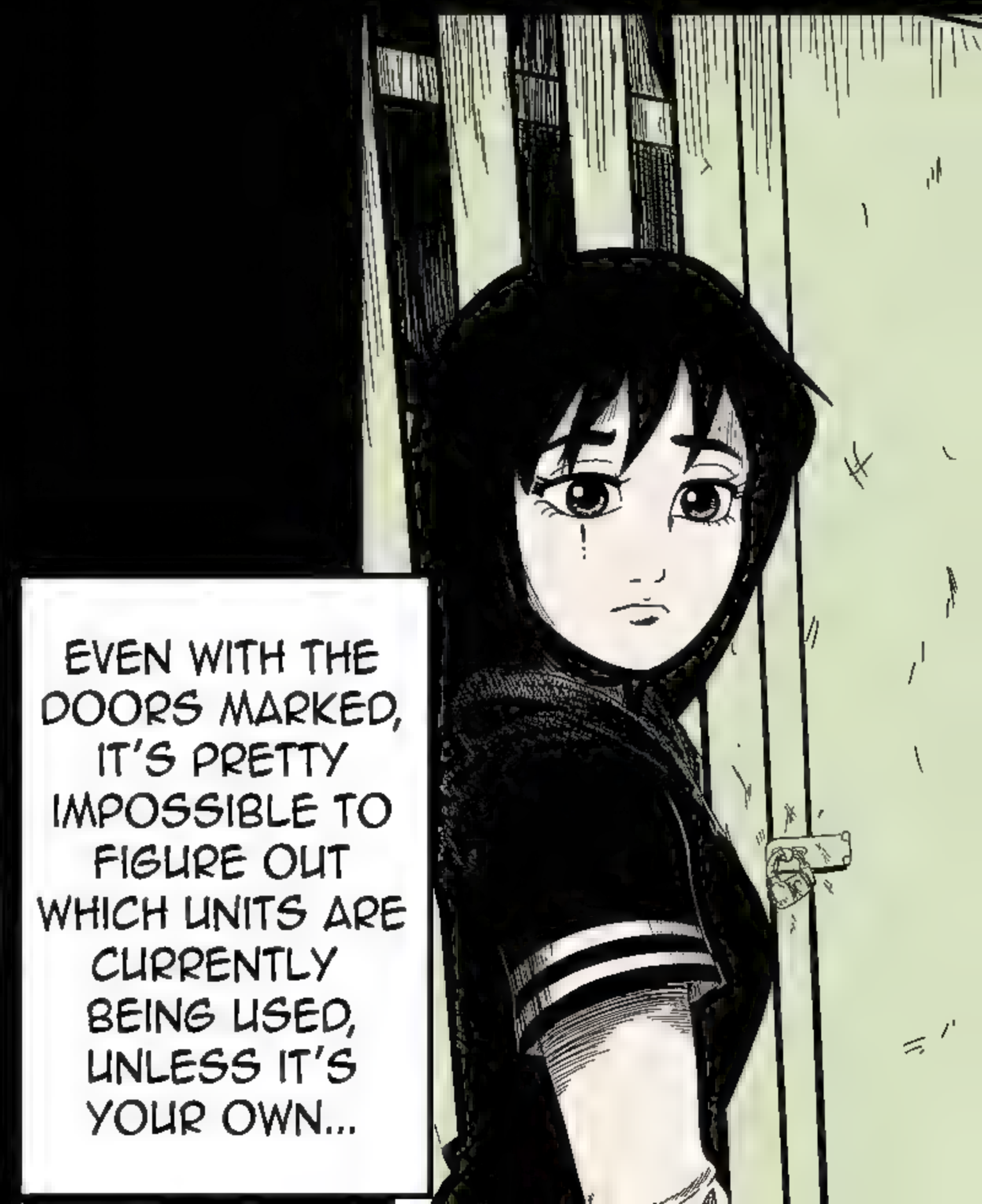
MANAGEMENT NEVER GETS AROUND TO CLEANING DOWN HERE.

THE ONLY WAY TO CLAIM A UNIT NOW IS TO WRITE YOUR APARTMENT'S NUMBER ON THE DOOR AND PUT A LOCK ON IT.



THAT SYSTEM...KINDA BROKE DOWN A

FEW YEARS AGO.



EVEN WITH THE DOORS MARKED, IT'S PRETTY IMPOSSIBLE TO FIGURE OUT WHICH UNITS ARE CURRENTLY BEING USED, UNLESS IT'S YOUR OWN...

...OR YOU HAVE A BIG PINK LANDMARK.

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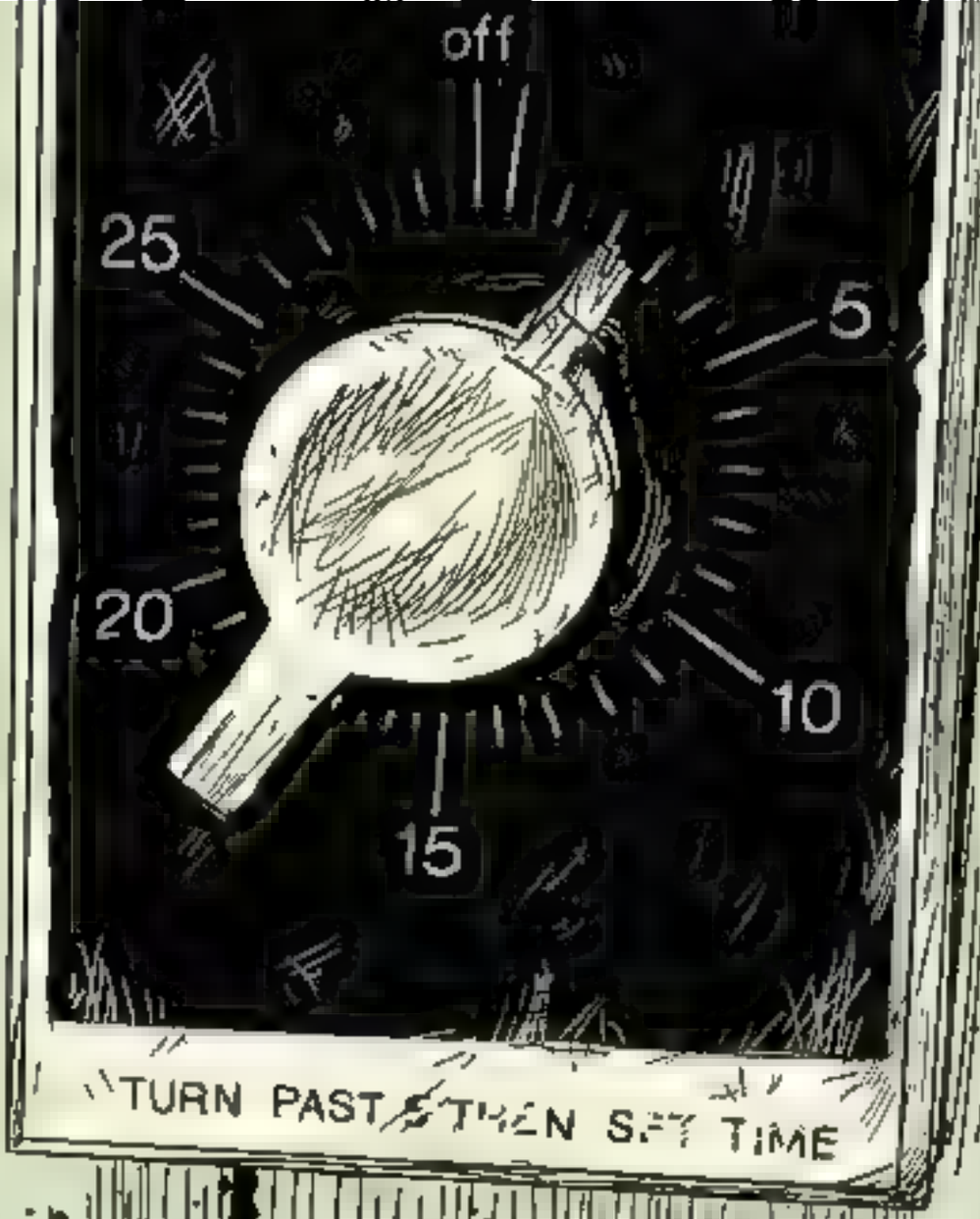
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TURN PAST THEN SET TIME

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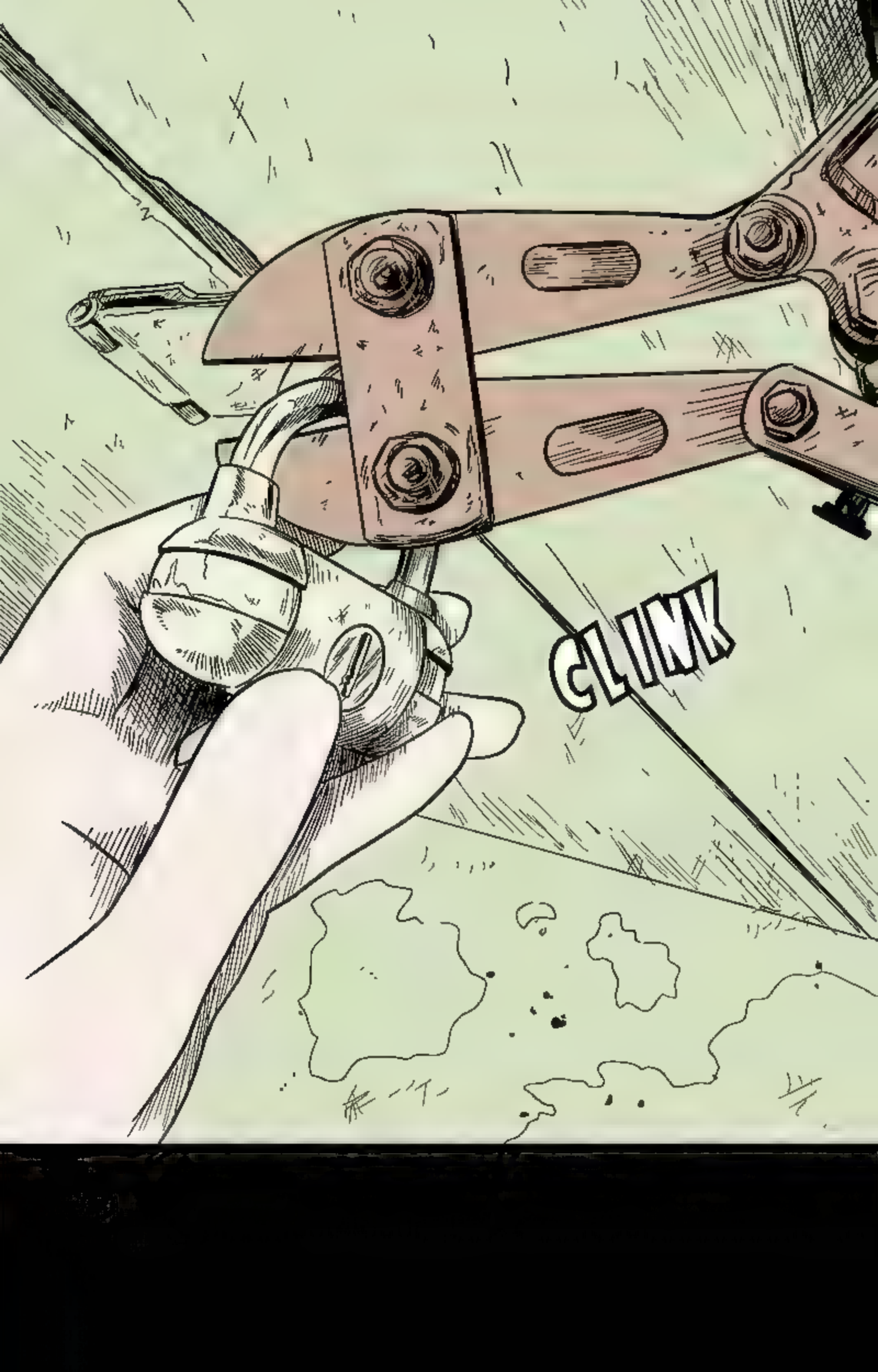
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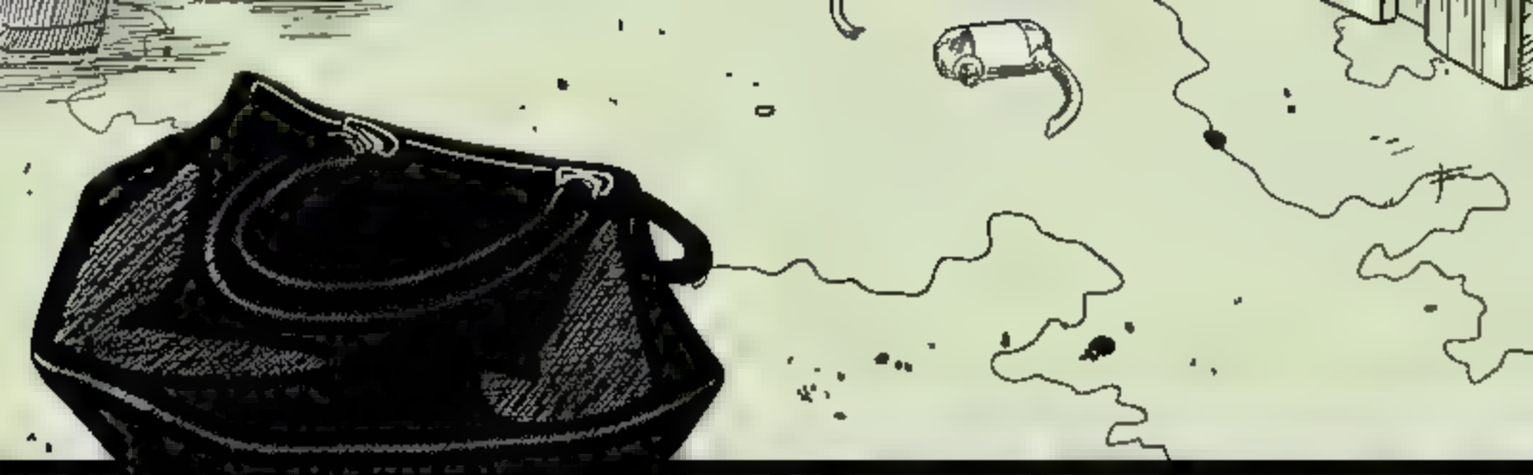

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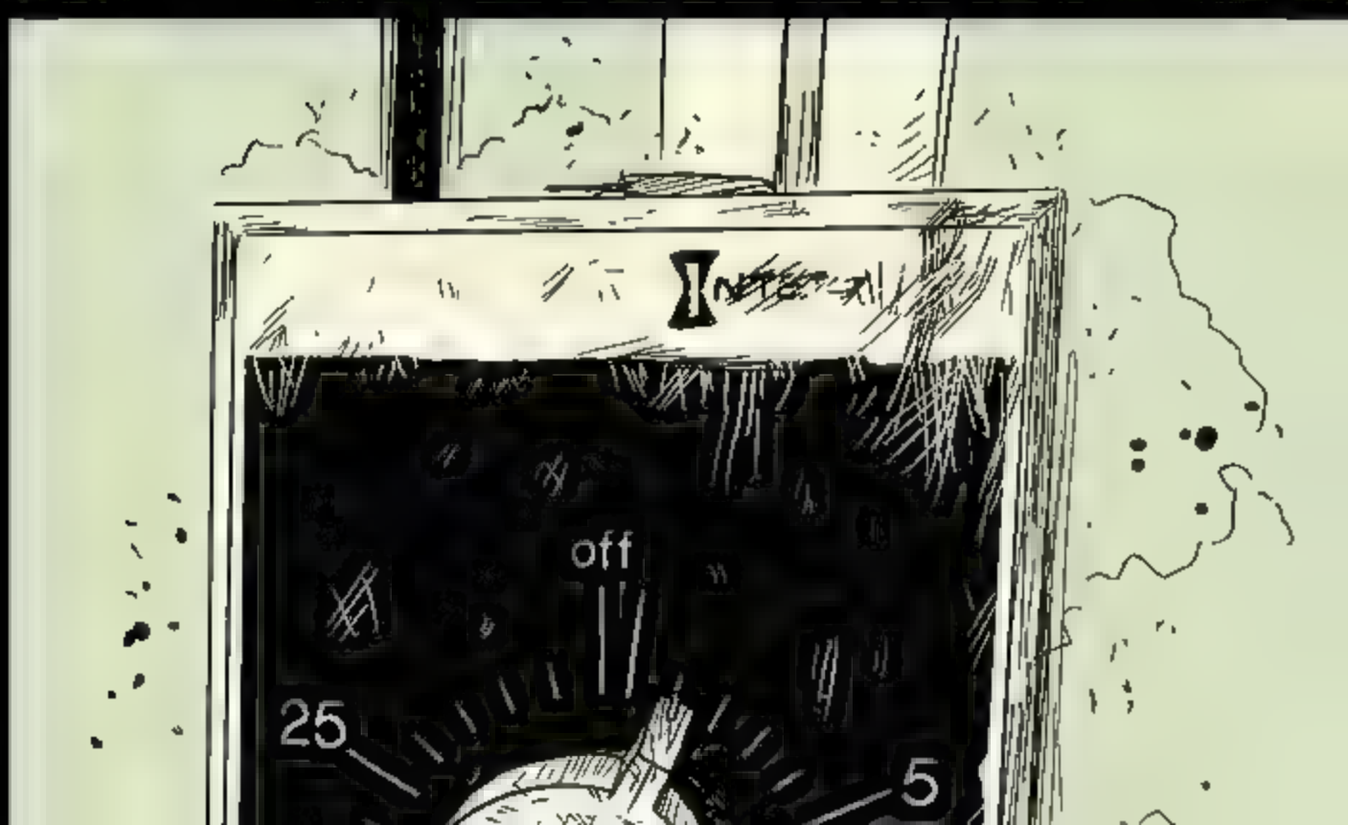

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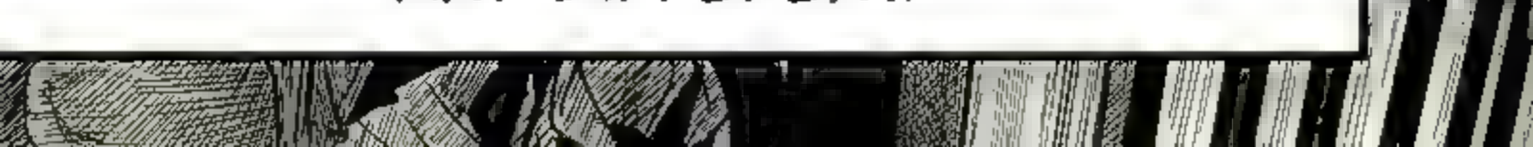
I DON'T KNOW HOW MANY HOUSES

I DON'T KNOW HOW MANY HOURS I SPENT GOING THROUGH THAT UNIT, BOX BY BOX, PAPER BY PAPER.

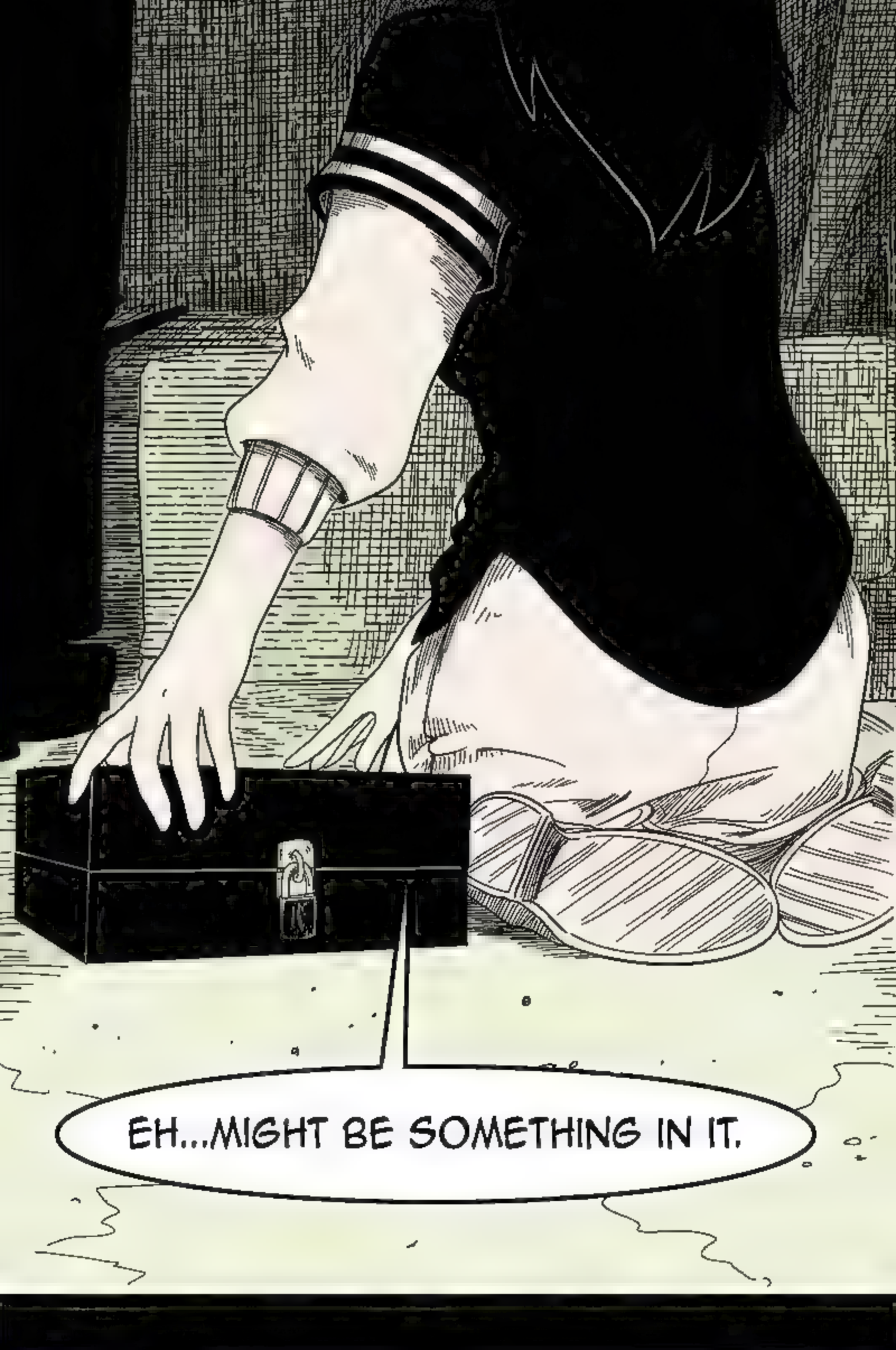
THEY DIDN'T REALLY ORGANIZE HIS THINGS...JUST GRABBED IT ALL AND STUFFED IT IN BOXES AND BAGS.

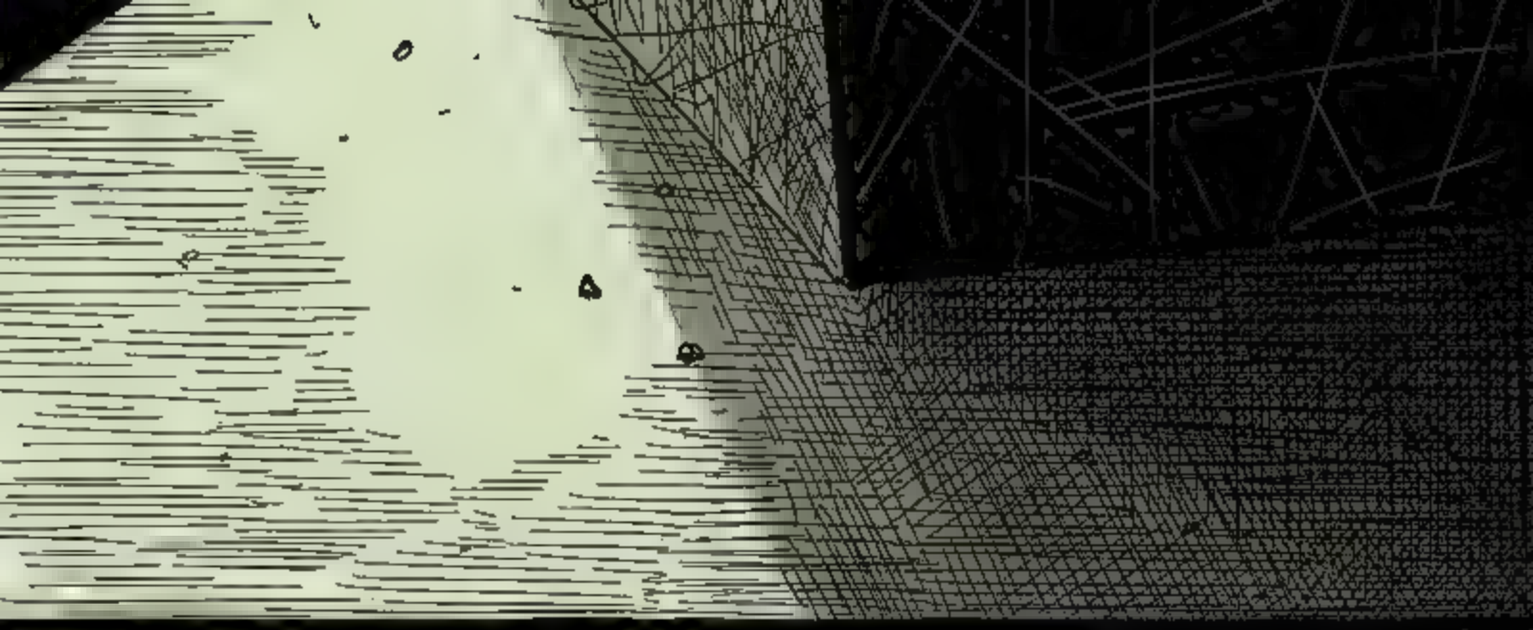
I GUESS I DIDN'T REALLY EXPECT ANY DIFFERENT.



IT JUST FELT WEIRD TO GO THROUGH IT ALL, KNOWING HE WAS DEAD.

WITH ALL THE MESS, AND HAVING TO GET UP AND KEEP THE LIGHTS ON EVERY FIVE MINUTES, I WAS GETTING A LITTLE FRUSTRATED. I FOUND SOME SORT OF INTERESTING NOTES, BUT... OTHER THAN THAT...


EH...MIGHT BE SOMETHING IN IT.



THAT'S WEIRD...

WHAT'S WITH THIS BOX? IT'S WRAPPED IN LAYERS OF TAPE.

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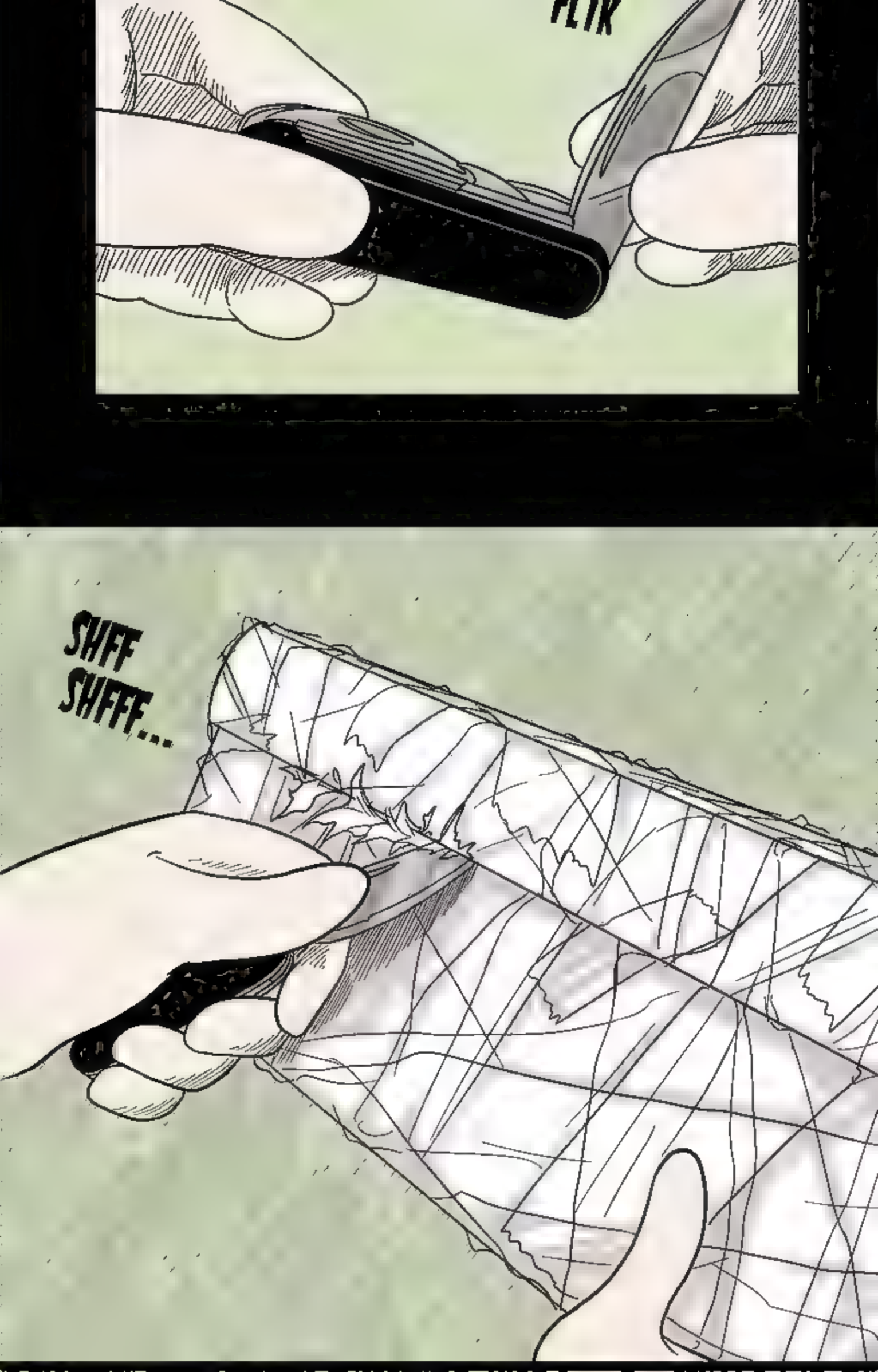
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SHFFF...

GOD, WHY IS THERE SO MUCH DAMN TAPE ON THIS?
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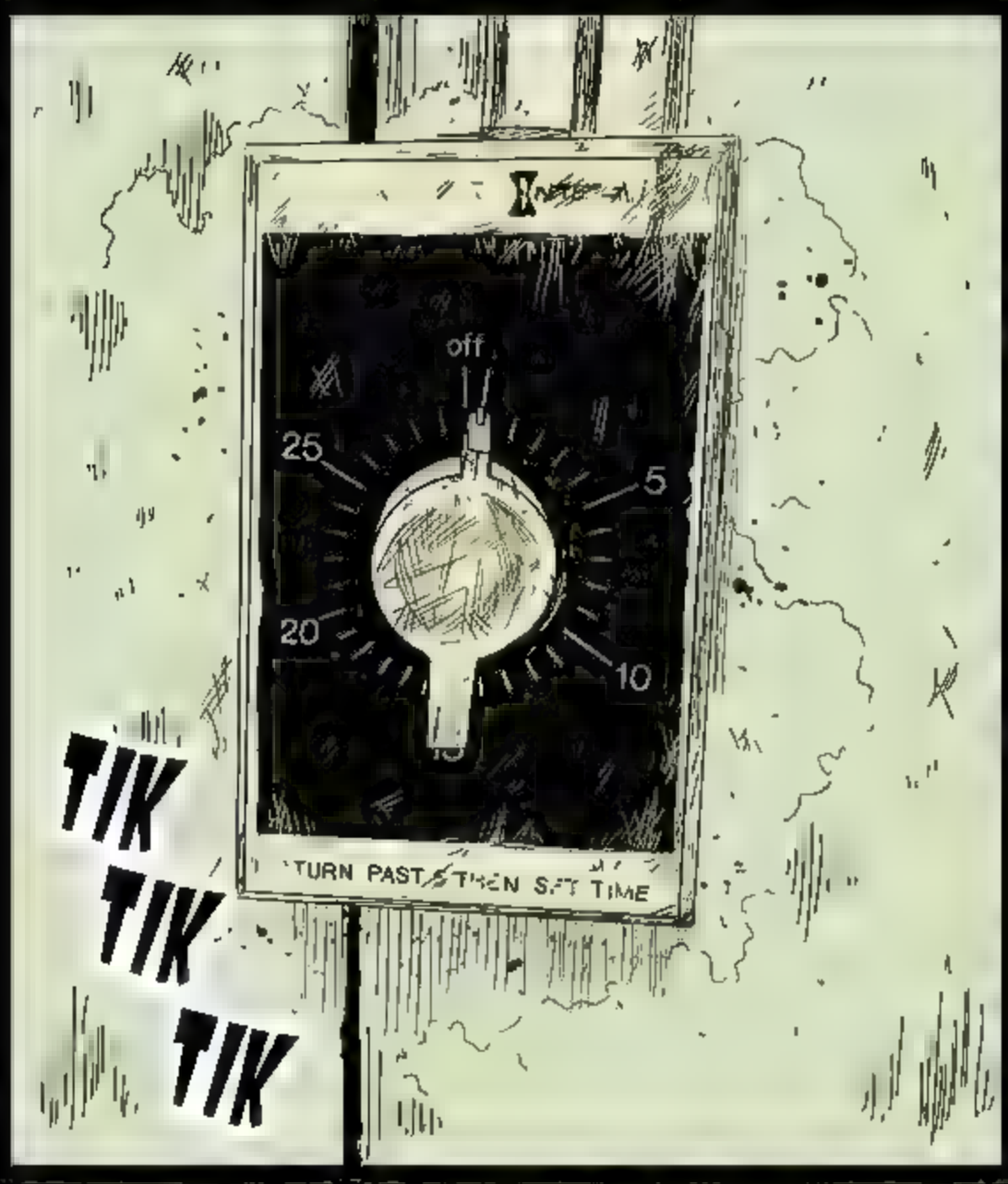
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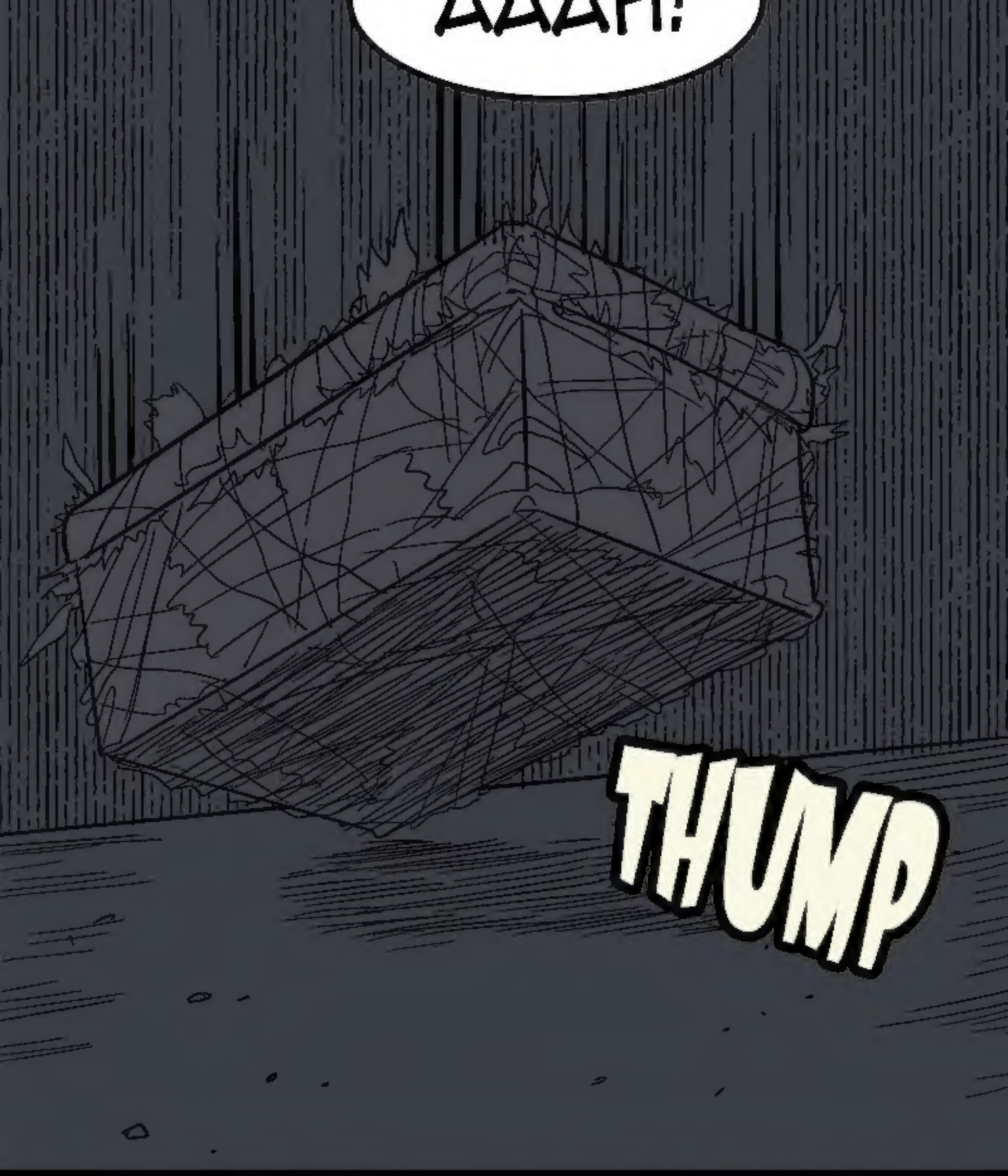
AAAH!



UGH, STUPID LIGHT! FORGOT TO RESET IT.

ALL RIGHT, ALL RIGHT, I'M COMING...
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